



Module Definition Form (MDF)

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1. Module Title
LLM Major Research Project

2a. Module Leader
Tom Serby

2b. School
School of Economics, Finance and Law

2c. Faculty
Faculty of Business and Law

3a. Level
7

3b. Module Type
Project or dissertation (fine graded)

4a. Credits
60

4b. Study Hours
600

5. Restrictions			
Type	Module Code	Module Name	Condition
Pre-requisites:	None		
Co-requisites:	None		
Exclusions:	None		
Courses to which this module is restricted:	LLM International Business Law, LLM International Commercial Law and LLM Digital Economy		

LEARNING, TEACHING AND ASSESSMENT INFORMATION

6a. Module Description

This module supports students in the preparation and submission of a Master's stage project. This project enables students to demonstrate the features associated with academic Mastery: -The ability to raise significant and meaningful questions in relation to their area of specialism -A depth of knowledge that may involve working at the current limits of understanding - Critical understanding of method and its relationship to knowledge -Awareness of and ability to develop solutions to ethical issues and dilemmas likely to arise in their research and/or their professional practice -The ability to draw insightful and justifiable conclusions from information which may be complex or contradictory -The capacity to expand, refine or redefine existing knowledge; to develop new approaches and contribute to the development of best practice in their professional sphere -The ability to communicate in writing in a clear and cogent manner, consistent with the requirements of academic writing -The ability to undertake wide-ranging, independent research, using those methodologies appropriate to the chosen project -The capacity to evaluate their work from the perspective of an autonomous, reflective learner. This module will provide the student with an opportunity to explore in depth a particular aspect of international business/commercial law which reflects their academic interest and career development needs (subject to the subject of their dissertation being agreed by the Course leader after discussion with the student). The student will be allocated a supervisor to assist them in formulating their research proposal/hypothesis, discuss their methodology (including the possible need for ethics clearance) and act as a mentor throughout. The student will be expected to make regular reports to their supervisor on the progress of their work. The supervisory process will normally be conducted through face-to-face supervision; email and telephone. Students will also receive additional supervision, up to 12 hours on a group basis. This will comprise classes on project planning, referencing, and writing developing the issues in International Law Research. Additional on-line support in relation to generic aspects of legal research technique and methodology will also be available through LMS. Students are provided with a detailed written guide, which explains the role of the supervisor; referencing and presentation requirements. Ethics clearance, which may be required for some projects, depending upon the nature of the research, is also explained in the guide. The module contributes particularly to research, analytical and critical thinking skills, which are transferable skills highly valued by employers. The module content is highly relevant to careers in business and commerce and also enables student to develop subject expertise and skills which may be useful for those seeking to further a career in the legal environment/ profession. Throughout this module students are expected to demonstrate significant capacity in areas including individual research, legal reasoning, the application of logical argument and the ability to communicate effectively through the written word. These skills are the culmination of the study on the LLM Course and as such integrate all previous experiences including the range of employability skills introduced throughout the course.

6b. Outline Content

- Agreed specialist field within International Business Law
- In the course of your studies with us you may generate intellectual property which is defined as an idea, invention or creation which can be protected by law from being copied by someone else. By registering with us on your course you automatically assign any such intellectual property to us unless we agree with the organisation covering the cost of your course that this is retained by them. In consideration of you making this assignment you will be entitled to benefit from a share in any income generated in accordance with our Revenue Sharing Policy in operation at that time. Details of our Intellectual Property Policy and Guidelines can be found on My.Anglia under Research and Innovation Development Office or by contacting this Office for a hard copy.

6c. Key Texts/Literature

The reading list to support this module is available at: <https://readinglists.aru.ac.uk/>

6d. Specialist Learning Resources

As appropriate to the nature and field of study.

7. Learning Outcomes (threshold standards)		
No.	Type	On successful completion of this module the student will be expected to be able to:
1	Knowledge and Understanding	Demonstrate a detailed knowledge and understanding of a chosen, significant and complex area of enquiry by establishing a method for investigation / exploration of key concepts, models and principles.
2	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Critically evaluate, through the use of an appropriate methodology, complex issues from a variety of viewpoints.
3	Intellectual, practical, affective and transferrable skills	Formulate reasoned solutions to complex legal issues, develop and convey effective arguments for relevant conclusions or where appropriate create alternative syntheses to the ethical issues arising from the chosen field of study.

8a. Module Occurrence to which this MDF Refers				
Year	Occurrence	Period	Location	Mode of Delivery
2024/5	ZZF	Template For Face To Face Learning Delivery		Face to Face

8b. Learning Activities for the above Module Occurrence			
Learning Activities	Hours	Learning Outcomes	Details of Duration, frequency and other comments
Lectures	0	None	None
Other teacher managed learning	4	1-3	Contact hours are guidelines for supervision. It is expected that some of the supervisory process will take place via email and/or telephone. To that extent, the contact hours are equivalent to the time that would be spent in similar face-to face supervision. Each student will receive a minimum of 4 hrs (equivalent) individual supervision. Additional support, up to 12 hours, is provided on a group basis.
Student managed learning	596	1-3	Proposal/hypothesis formulation, research, ethics considerations, preparation of draft, writing and submission of final project
TOTAL:	600		

9. Assessment for the above Module Occurrence					
Assessment No.	Assessment Method	Learning Outcomes	Weighting (%)	Fine Grade or Pass/Fail	Qualifying Mark (%)
010	Coursework	1-3	100 (%)	Fine Grade	40 (%)
Dissertation: 15,000 words (maximum). Compensation does not apply					

In order to pass this module, students are required to achieve an overall mark of 40% (for modules at levels 3, 4, 5 and 6) or 50% (for modules at level 7*).

In addition, students are required to:

(a) achieve the qualifying mark for each element of fine graded assessment as specified above

(b) pass any pass/fail elements

[* the pass mark of 50% applies for all module occurrences from the academic year 2024/25 – see Section 3a of this MDF to check the level of the module and Section 8a of this MDF to check the academic year]